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REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 15 and 17 through 27 remain in this application. Claim 16 has been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn. Claims 28 through 30 have been added.

Considering the matters raised in the Office Action in the same order as raised, claims 11-14 have been objected to because of a typographical error in line 11 of claim 11. This error has been corrected. The Examiner is thanked for the assistance provided in this regard. A minor typographical error in claim 19 regarding the position of the semicolon has also been corrected.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 8, 11-13, 15, 17, 19-25 and 27 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being "anticipated by" the newly cited Olson et al ("Olson") reference while claims 3-6, 10, 14 and 18 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olson in view of Homer while claims 9 and 26 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Olson in view of Liu. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 requires "openings in a wall of the chassis from which sound produced by the speaker can emanate from the interior of the chassis" and "wherein the speaker is spaced from the wall of the chassis in which the openings are located to permit heat generated by the at least one heat generating component in the computer chassis to escape the interior of the computer chassis.". Claim 11 requires "a first opening in the chassis positioned in front of the internal speaker such that the first opening facilitates emanation of sound from the internal speaker to outside of the computer chassis, and wherein the front of the internal speaker is spaced from the first opening to facilitate airflow along a first path between the

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internal speaker and the first opening". Claim 19 requires "spacing a front of a speaker away from the speaker grill on the surface of the portable notebook computer so that the airflow exhaust path extends between the front of the speaker and the speaker grill".

It is therefore submitted that the cited patents, and especially the allegedly obvious combination of Olson and Homer set forth in the rejection of the Office Action, would not lead one skilled in the art to the applicant's invention as required by claims 1, 11, and 19. Further, claims 2 through 10, 12 through 15, 17, 18 and 20 through 27, which depend from claims 1, 11, and 19, also include the requirements discussed above and therefore are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.


Withdrawal of the 102(b) and §103(a) rejections of claims 1 through 15 and 17 through 27 is therefore respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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